

Description of a new buccinid species from Vietnam

(Mollusca, Gastropoda, Buccinidae)

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Siphonalia marybethi, spec. nov. from Vietnam is described and compared with *Siphonalia fusoides* (Reeve, 1846).

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Introduction

A new species of the genus *Siphonalia* Adams, 1853 is described on the basis of two specimen trawled by local fishing boats off-shore Vung Tau in Vietnamese waters.

Siphonalia marybethi, spec. nov.

Abb. 1, 2

Types. Holotype: 48.8 × 26.7 mm, trawled off-shore Vung Tau/Vietnam (Zoologische Staatssammlung München, No. 1996 485). - Paratype: 43.7 × 22.0 mm, trawled off-shore Vung Tau/Vietnam (Collection Parth).

Description

Shell solid, medium sized for the genus. Protoconch broken in holotype and paratype, teleoconch with 5.5-6 rounded and inflated whorls. On first 4 whorls strong axial sculpture with 10-12 riblets per whorl. Weak sculpture on body whorl. Strong spiral sculpture with 7 narrow, deeply grooved spiral cords on penultimate whorl, 18 spiral cords on last whorl, the first cord near the suture being the strongest. Inner lip of aperture very weakly callused, outer lip strongly ribbed inside. Anal canal deep and broad, siphonal canal slightly recurved, open, short. Colour of shell cream-yellow, with brown shadows on weak axial sculpture on last two whorls on holotype (paratype is completely pale).

Derivatio nominis: The new species is dedicated to Mrs. Marybeth Ortuyo Sonner, Munich.

Remarks. Because of its strong and deeply grooved spiral cords and its broader shape *Siphonalia marybethi* can easily be distinguished from *Siphonalia fusoides* (Reeve, 1846), the single species of the genus with which it could be confused.



Abb. 1, 2. *Siphonalia marybethi*, spec. nov. Holotype. 1. Ventral view. 2. Dorsal view.